

II. REMARKS

Formal Matters

Claims 1, 2, 7, 8, 10, and 25-27 are pending after entry of the amendments set forth herein.

Claims 1, 2, 7-10, and 25-27 were examined. Claim 9 was rejected. Claims 1, 2, 7, 8, 10, and 25-27 were allowed.

Claim 10 is canceled without prejudice to renewal, without intent to acquiesce to any rejection, and without intent to surrender any subject matter encompassed by canceled claim 10. Applicants expressly reserve the right to pursue any canceled subject matter in one or more continuation and/or divisional applications.

Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of the application in view of the remarks made herein.

Rejection under 35 U.S.C. §112, first paragraph

Claim 9 was rejected under 35 U.S.C. §112, first paragraph, as allegedly lacking enablement.

Without conceding as to the correctness of this rejection, claim 9 is canceled without prejudice to renewal.

Applicants submit that the rejection of claim 9 under 35 U.S.C. §112, first paragraph, has been adequately addressed in view of the remarks set forth above. The Examiner is thus respectfully requested to withdraw the rejection.

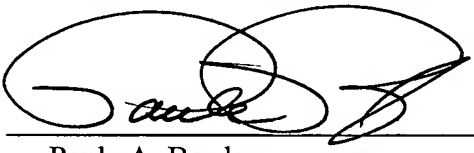
III. CONCLUSION

Applicants submit that all of the claims are in condition for allowance, which action is requested. If the Examiner finds that a telephone conference would expedite the prosecution of this application, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at the number provided.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any underpayment of fees associated with this communication, including any necessary fees for extensions of time, or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 50-0815, order number UCAL-240 CIP.

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